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SUBJ: PRODUCTION ASSOCIATIONS IN USSR FOOD INDUSTRY

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AT RECEPTION SEPT 18, MRS. KOSLOVA, CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF CANNING, VEGETABLE DRYING, AND FOOD CONCENTRATE INDUSTRY, USSR MINISTRY OF FOOD INDUSTRY, STATED THAT FORMATION OF PRODUCTION ASSOCIATIONS TO REPLACE MAIN ADMINISTRATIONS (GLAVKI) IN HER MINISTRY WILL SHORTLY BE ACCOMPLISHED. KOSLOVA EXPECTS HER OWN MAIN ADMINISTRATION TO BECOME A PRODUCTION ASSOCIATION ON JANUARY 1, 1974, WHICH WILL CONSIST OF ALL MAIN FACTORIES IN SECTOR (MOST OF WHICH, SHE STATED, ARE LOCATED IN AN

AROUND MOSCOW). SHE WILL HEAD UP NEW ASSOCIATION.

2. COMMENT: WHILE ULTIMATE RESULTS OF NEW SYSTEM REMAIN TO BE SEEN, ASSOCIATIONS APPEAR LARGELY TO BE RESHULFFLING OF OLD MINISTRY BUREAUCRACIES WITHOUT REAL DECENTRALIZATION OF DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. FOOD INDUSTRY EXAMPLE POINTS TO STAFFING OF NEW ASSOCIATIONS WITH BUREAUCRATS CURRENTLY WORKING IN CENTRAL MINISTRIES. THESE PEOPLE WILL PRESUMABLY REMAIN CLOSELY LINKED TO CENTRAL AUTHORITY.

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